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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRIMIN: DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL

1. AFTERNOON SEPT 15, DCM, DR ROBERT DU PONT (DIR NIDA),
LEE DOGOLOFF (OMB) AND SCIATT LIIMATAINEN MET WITH PRIMIN
HOVEYDA, MIN OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE DR SHAIKHOESLAMIZADEH,
AND HIS CONSULTANT FOR RESEARCH DR SIASI.

2. DU PONT NOTED IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS MADE IN IRAN IN TREATMENT
OF DRUG ADDICTS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT OVER A YEAR AGO. HE COM-
MENTED IN PARTICULAR ON IRAN'S THOUGHTFUL OUTPATIENT PROGRAM AND
FOLLOW-UP AND SAID THAT IRAN WAS IN THE VANGUARD OF OTHER
NATIONS IN THIS FIELD. TURNING TO THE PROBLEM IRAN, AS A VICTIM
COUNTRY, FACES WITH SOURCES OF SUPPLY ON ITS EASTERN
BORDER, DU PONT URGED CLOSER REGIONAL COOPERATION AND
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SUGGESTED THAT ACTIVITIES UNDER UN AUSPICES MIGHT BE MOST

PROMISING. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED THAT IRANIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN COULD BE SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IRAN WOULD CONSIDER INCREASING ITS FINANCIAL AID FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE CITED RECENT EXPERIENCES IN TURKEY AND MEXICO WHICH HAVE OPERATED UNDER UN AUSPICES TO OUR OWN SPECIFIC ADVANTAGE. HOVEYDA RESPONDED THAT CONCEPTUALLY REGIONAL COOPERATION WAS EMINENTLY DESIRABLE BUT DOUBTED THAT REALISTICALLY MUCH COULD BE EXPECTED AT THIS JUNCTURE. SPEAKING FRANKLY, AND HE SAID THAT HE HOPED HIS OBSERVATIONS WERE NOT REPEATED ELSEWHERE, THE BASIC PROBLEM LIES IN THE INABILITY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN AND PERHAPS TO SOME EXTENT IN PAKISTAN TO CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN ITS BORDER AREAS. BECAUSE OF THIS, HOWEVER SINCERE AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN MIGHT BE IN AGREEING TO REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DRUG CONTROL, IT WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NO MEANING IN PRACTICE. COMMENT: IMPLICIT IN THE PRIMINS REMARKS WAS HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR CONTRIBBUTING TO UN ACTIVITIES THAT WERE UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY BENEFIT FOR IRAN AND IT IS CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER TURN-DOWNS WE HAVE GOTTEN IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INCREASED UN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DRUG CONTROL FROM

THE GOI.

3. DU PONT DESCRIBED BRIEFLY WHERE THE USG STOOD IN ITS DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS AND THE VALUE IT HAD FOUND IN DEVELOPING A WHITE PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT WHICH SERVED AS A CHECKLIST ON PROGRESS TO DATE, ACTIONS YET TO BE TAKEN, AND AN INSTRUMENT FOR COORDINATING VARIOUS USG AGENCIES IN THIS FIELD. HE SUGGESTED THAT PRIMIN MIGHT FIND A SIMILAR EXERCISE OF VALUE. HOVEYDA REPLIED THAT HE GETS POLICY PAPERS FROM HIS MINOF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE ALL THE TIME BUT DID NOT DISMISS THE DEAS OUT OF HAND. HE DID MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT NARCOTIC CONTROL AND TREATMENT HAVE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY IN GOI GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND THAT IRAN APPRECIATED EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH US IN THIS AREA. DOGOLOFF NOTED THE

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN THE US AND MENTIONED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR RECENT INVITATION TO THE GOI TO SEND FOUR SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON TO ATTEND A DEA EXECUTIVE PROGRAM THIS NOVEMBER. HOVEYDA EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME OTHER EXCHANGES "AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL."
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